

Commissioner for Patents

REMARKS

Claims 2 to 12 and 20 to 25 are in the case.

Claim 11 was previously allowed, and the remaining claims under consideration, namely, claims 1 to 10, 12, and 20 to 25, were rejected and the rejection was upheld by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

No appeal of the decision is being filed.

By the present amendment, claim 1 is cancelled; claim 11, which was allowed, has been rewritten in independent form; and claims 2, 3, 10, and 12 have been amended to depend from claim 11.

As a result of this amendment, claims 4 to 9 each depend from a claim which ultimately depends from claim 11.

Thus, claims 2 to 10 and 12 are believed to be clearly allowable in view of their dependency from allowed claim 11.

Independent claims 20 and 23 are more specific than cancelled claim 1. These claims have been amended to limit them by the subject matter of claim 11, and with this amendment, claims 20 to 25 are believed to be in allowable condition.

Claims 1 and 13 to 19 are all cancelled.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. Favourable consideration is requested.

Respectfully,

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